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Magnet Memory Device

## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Please enter the following Response to Examiner's Reasons for Allowance. Remarks begin on page 2.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

TO:

In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Examiner states:

With respect to claims 1, 15, 20, and 23, in addition to other elements in the respective claims, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest "a magnetic flux absorbing layer having an isotropic response to magnetic fields disposed between at least two bit cells of the plurality of bit cells."

Applicant agrees that the art of record does not teach or suggest the recited limitations. Applicant notes, however, that all of the quoted recitations do not appear in each of the independent claims. For example, claim 20 recites "magnetic flux absorbing means having an isotropic response to magnetic fields between adjacent bit cells."

Limitations should not be "read" into the claims. Instead, Applicant submits that the present claims are allowable for at least the reason that the art of record does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claims as recited in the claims themselves. Each claim is allowable in light of the complete language of the claim, as well as equivalents. The Applicant therefore respectfully asserts that the scope of each claim as allowed is to be determined from the actual claim language, including all equivalents.

Respectfully submitted.

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